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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 HOUTAN PETROLEUM, INC.) CASE NO. CV 07-05627 SC
11)
12 Plaintiff,)
13) **SPECIAL VERDICT FORM**
14 v.)
15 CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY, a Texas)
16 Corporation and DOES 1 through 10,)
17 Inclusive)
18 Defendants.)
19 _____)

20 **SPECIAL VERDICT FORM**

21 Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence:

- 22 1. That defendant and counter-plaintiff, ConocoPhillips Company (“ConocoPhillips”), has
23 proven that its offer to sell its interest in the improvements and equipment to plaintiff and
24 counter-defendant, Houtan Petroleum, Inc. (“Houtan Petroleum”), was a “bona fide offer”?

25 Answer Yes or No: _____

26 If you answered “Yes” to Question No. 1, skip Question No. 2 and proceed to Question
27 No. 3.

28 If you answered “No” to Question No. 1, proceed to Question No. 2.

2. What do you find to be the true fair market value of the improvements and equipment offered

by ConocoPhillips to Houtan Petroleum?

Answer with a dollar amount: \$ _____

Skip Questions Nos. 3 - 5 and have your foreperson sign and date this form below.

3. That Houtan Petroleum has committed a conversion by refusing to permit ConocoPhillips to recover its improvements and equipment after termination of the franchise agreement?

Answer Yes or No: _____

If you answered "Yes" to Question No. 3, proceed to Question No. 4.

If you answered "No" to Question No. 3, skip Questions Nos. 4 and 5 and have your foreperson sign and date this form below.

4. That ConocoPhillips was damaged as a result of Houtan Petroleum's failure to permit ConocoPhillips to recover its equipment and improvements after the franchise agreement was terminated?

Answer Yes or No: _____

If you answered "Yes" to Question No. 4, proceed to Question No. 5.

If you answered "No" to Question No. 4, skip Question No. 5 and have your foreperson sign and date this form below.

5. What do you find to be ConocoPhillips' damages as a result of Houtan Petroleum's failure to permit ConocoPhillips to recover its improvements and equipment?

Answer with a dollar amount: \$ _____

Date: August ____, 2008

Foreperson